

MINUTES  
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The Mount Vernon City Council met September 3, 2015, at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Thompson, Taylor, Roudabush, Peters and Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda made by Hampton, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Hampton, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.

a. Approval of minutes of August 17 and August 26, 2015.

b. Claims for approval.

A-1 RENTAL WEST	POPCORN MACHINE-POOL	32.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	4,045.09
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	3,188.16
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	1,621.80
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	75.00
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-EMA	58.46
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	38.43
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	25.67
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	23.63
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-CEM	16.39
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	431.70
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	412.80
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE MAINT-PD	90.49
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
BAUER BUILT TIRE - CEDAR RAPIDS	RIM/JD BACKHOE	31.00
BAUMAN AND COMPANY	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	90.95
BEIMER, MICHAEL R	MILEAGE-P&A	144.90
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
BRADY LANHAM	RAB LIGHTS	577.37
BURROUGHS, RICHARD	CEMETERY MAINT	3,725.00
CARGILL INCORPORATED	SNOW SUPPLIES-RUT	3,854.95
CARGILL INCORPORATED	SNOW SUPPLIES-RUT	1,991.13
CARGILL INCORPORATED	SNOW SUPPLIES-RUT	1,946.15
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-PW	343.26
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-P&A	463.55
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-SEW	254.75

CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	102.99
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-FD	101.67
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-POOL	59.38
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-WAT	49.92
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	47.92
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	35.75
CHURCH, MICHAEL	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	66.27
CLICK, KAREN	UNIFORMS-PD	180.00
CORCORAN JESSICA	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	56.54
D & D BODY SHOP	2013 EXP REPAIR-PD	1,000.00
D & D BODY SHOP	2014 EXP REPAIR-PD	1,000.00
EVER-GREEN LANDSCAPE NURSERY	PERENNIALS/FIRE STATION-LOST I	252.00
FASTENAL	SUPPLIES-WAT	18.00
GALLS INC	UNIFORMS-PD	672.00
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-RUT	44.50
GRAINGER INC	STRAINER-POOL	39.72
GRAINGER INC	STRAINER-POOL	13.12
GROUP SERVICES INC	INSURANCE-ALL DEPTS	25,958.75
HAUGE, CPA, BRADLEY	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-P&A	325.00
HAWKEYE READY MIX	A AVE & 2ND ST-RUT	156.40
IDNR	WASTEWATER PERMIT #5758001	1,275.00
IDNR	RETEST/DWT 2	30.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL	RETEST/WWT2	30.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ON LINE WARRANTS-PD	300.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	NEW SETUP-P&A	635.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMP MAINT-PD	202.50
JACKSON, SHAWNELLE	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	48.24
JC'S TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL-RUT	4,500.00
KINCAID, CLARA	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	55.77
LAMAR, KATHY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	66.27
LANHAM, BRADY	ELECETRICAL MAINT/OLD F.S.-PD	185.00
LANHAM, BRADY	LIGHTS/MEM PARK-P&REC	85.26
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	CONC STAND/FOOD SERVICE LICENSE	101.25
LYNCH FORD	TURN SIGNAL/WARRANTY-PD	531.81
LYNCH FORD	5K MI MAINT-PD	38.31
LYNCH FORD	WINDSHIELD WASHER REPAIR-PD	510.44
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	EQUIP MAINT-RUT	21.53
MIDWAY OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INC	GRAVELY MAINT-RUT	337.65
MIDWAY OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INC	GRAVELY MOWER REPAIR-RUT	104.64
MIDWAY OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INC	AIR CLEANER/GRAVELY-RUT	57.59
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	EQUIPMENT-FD	427.54
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	LIGHTING-FD	112.38
MOORE, JAMES	MILEAGE-P&A	99.44
MOSIER, RACHEL	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	53.88
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&A	576.87
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	365.00
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	CABLE TV/ONLINE	260.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-ALL DEPTS	48.00
NORTON, CINDY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	66.27
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	VEHICLE INSPECTIONS-PD	20.00
P&K MIDWEST INC	SUPPLIES-RUT	40.70

PACE SUPPLY	SEED/MV SCHOOL-P&REC	1,227.50
PACE SUPPLY	SEED/LISBON RD	388.10
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	67,128.90
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	50,764.49
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER RENTAL-ALL DEPTS	141.00
POOL TECH INC	BOARD-POOL BOND	3,345.00
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	608.50
POOL TECH INC	POOL MAINT-POOL	39.80
POSTMASTER	UTIL BILL POSTAGE-WAT,SEW,SW	374.39
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	LISBON RD INLETS-BOND	7,665.29
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	LISBON RD ST SEWER INTAKE	3,956.00
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	SHUT OFFS-WAT	727.73
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	96.60
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	5,865.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	855.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TEST-WAT,SEW	27.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	PAPER,MISC-ALL DEPTS	460.27
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&A	280.26
STRICKLER, WESLEY	DEPOSIT REFUND-WAT	32.54
TASC	ADMIN FEE-ALL DEPTS	87.48
TERRACON CONSULTANTS INC	TESTING SERVICE/PALISADES RD	6,380.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	4,386.00
US BANK	TRAINING, EQUIP,SUPPLIES-ALL	1,199.82
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	584.93
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STREET IMPROVEMENTS	2,742.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 INTAKE REPLACEMENT	2,336.23
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STR IMPROVEMENTS PRINTING	1,455.95
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STR IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL	1,241.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	678.55
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	POOL FILTER EVALUATION-BOND	558.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	344.82
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STORAGE FACILITY SITE PLAN	213.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT	117.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	ST SEWER/DRAINAGE PRELIM EVALUATION	100.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SHEPLEY SEWER-BAB	50.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	49.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	BALL BEARINGS/BOOSTER PUMP-WAT	47.44
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PEST CONTROL-P&A	30.00
WAPSI WASTE SERVICE	GB,RECY,LEAF-SW	22,481.78
WENDLING QUARRIES	BALL FIELDS LIME-P&REC	68.44
WENDLING QUARRIES	LISBON RD PROJECT	1,257.41
WENDLING QUARRIES	LIME/BALL FIELDS-P&REC	48.24
TOTAL		255,748.96

- c. Approval of liquor license renewal for Bon Appetit at Cornell College and Guppy's On The Go.
- d. Approval of fireworks permit for Mount Vernon Community School District on September 18, 2015.

- e. Acceptance of resignations and Certificates of Appreciation to Ashley Anthony for service on Historic Preservation Commission and Sarah Benesh for service on the Board of Library Trustees.
4. Mayor's Comments. Mayor Moore said he would save his comments for later.
5. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
6. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council approval to fill vacancy on Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Moore recommended Carine Klein fill the MVHPC vacancy. Motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation made by Peters, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
7. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council approval to fill vacancy on Board of Library Trustees. Mayor Moore recommended Tracey Louwagie fill the Library Board Trustees vacancy. Motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation made by Hampton, seconded by Taylor. Carried all.
8. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council approval to re-appoint certain individuals to boards and commissions expiring August 31, 2015. Discussion and possible action. Mayor Moore recommended the following appointments; Truman Jordan to Planning and Zoning (5 year term), Ed Sauter, Paul Waelchli, Susan Hargus, Sara Kelley, Janet Budack and Guy Booth to MVHPC (3 year terms). Robert Meeker to the Library Board of Trustees (3 year term). Loren Conley and Joel Wolfe as Assistant Building Officials (1 year terms). Jon Barnes and Joel Wolfe to Board of Appeals (5 year terms) and Dean Borg and Nor Meyer to the Board of Appeals Alternate (1 year term). Hampton motioned to accept the Mayors recommendations, seconded by Taylor. Carried all.
9. City Administrator Report. City Administrator Beimer stated that work continues with the IDOT on the closing out of the audit and City reimbursement of the roundabout. The City should be getting a check for about \$91k less the approximately \$36k change order that was previously approved. In the process of the renovating 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue the contractor found a "soft spot" that was so soft their excavator got buried to the axel. They cored it out and filled with gravel. Good progress is being made on that project. There will be a meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the Hwy 1 portion of the bypass; questions remain regarding how large the right-of-way is on the east side. Roto Rooter wants to televise the pool when it is empty. The loss of water at the pool is reported to be about 15,000 gallons a day. Of the figure about 2,000 is lost due to evaporation. Using residential rates that equates into about \$7,800.00 per year. The in house portion of the audit has been completed. Negotiations continue with Horizon regarding possible water tower rent.
10. Public Works Director Report. Public Works Director Nick Nissen reported on the following projects; Palisades Road Trail: City crews have built a trail out of the reclaimed asphalt from the Lisbon Roan Overlay Project. L.L. Pelling was contacted to seal coat but in order to get a better

price it was decided to wait until next spring when they will be in town seal coating city streets. Lisbon Rd Storm Sewer Project: City crews placed half the storm sewer on the south side of Lisbon Road. The project will be completed after Alliant Energy moves a 2" gas main. Pool Renovation: Roto Rooter is scheduled to televise the infrastructure at the pool on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Parks and Ball Fields: City crews are currently working on burying the bottom of park fences in hopes of adding stability and preventing the bottoms from rolling.

11. Appointment of Nathan Goodlove as Fire Chief and Derek Boren as Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor Moore recommended the appointment of Nathan Goodlove to Fire Chief and Derek Boren to Assistant Fire Chief. Motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation made by Hampton, seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote. Carried all.
12. Engineer Update Report. V&K Engineering provided Council with an update on the current projects; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave improvements began on August 28<sup>th</sup>. A special council meeting was held August 26<sup>th</sup>. Council approved changing areas of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project that were scheduled for asphalt to concrete paving. Water Plant Improvements: The contractor is working on drawings of the new filter unit to be presented to Council at a future meeting. Lisbon Road Storm Sewer
13. Resolution #9-3-2015A: A Resolution expressing support for maintaining 5 Linn County Supervisors. Kay Fisk explained that she felt it would severely impact the Linn County services if the number of supervisors was reduced from five to three. The smaller communities would be the ones to see the biggest impact. Fisk said she has worked with the supervisors and said they are continuously looking for ways to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate. Present to answer questions were Supervisors Linda Langston and Brent Olesen. Roudabush said it was his understanding that the Board of Supervisors represent the unincorporated areas where Mount Vernon is incorporated and represented by the council and mayor so how would the supervisors help the city? Langston replied that they represent the whole of the county in some very significant areas such as anything having to do with social services, veterans affairs and public health. Langston said that passing this resolution is an affirmative signal that the current system is working. Roudabush said that he doesn't feel as though this should be a Council decision because an affirmative vote would be saying that the entire town of Mount Vernon agrees with Langston's statement. Hampton and Mayor Moore agreed with Roudabush. Hampton said that he was concerned with the language of the resolution, specifically paragraph #2 which states that prior to the change from 3 to 5 "Mount Vernon's interests were historically under represented on the Board". Peters said that he personally supports a five member board but not the signing of the resolution. The resolution died from that lack of a motion.
14. Discussion and possible action on ratification of Chief of Police contract for Douglas Shannon. Beimer explained that the contract is a work in progress, particularly paragraph 4.3 needs clarification. The current closely mirrors the previous chief's contract but with a few exceptions. The compensation of \$75,052.68 is the same as what Mark was making when he retired; Doug has agreed to that also. There is some work to be done on 4.3 regarding accrued sick and

vacation time. In the past it has been discussed combining the two into PTO (paid time off). Doug would be the first to have this done. The Personnel Committee would like to get this done and in proper form. Beimer suggested approving the contract except for 4.3. Mayor Moore said that he knows what they are trying to do but asked wouldn't it be better doing this when the City is re-writing everyone's contract? Beimer said that is a possibility but when he leaves in four months it will be a different contract than the one he has. Hampton said the main reason for moving this way is to reduce the amount of liability on the books. Hampton said the employee needs to use the time so that when they retire the City isn't cutting checks for these "crazy" amounts of dollars. Roudabush said that in Doug's old contract there were two different sick leave categories; Sick Time had 520 hours and Catastrophic Time had 389 hours. Roudabush continued saying he understood what Doug was talking about when he said that two years ago Mike (Beimer) and Mark (Winder) were compensated for their time whereas Doug's hours were put into "Catastrophic Time" but if all three of them were taken care of then it wouldn't be a problem now. Beimer suggested that the contract, all but 4.3, be approved. Shannon also pointed out that the funeral leave language did not mirror the other contracts. Hampton motioned to approve the Chief of Police contract for Doug Shannon leaving out 4.3 for further discussion, seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote. Carried all.

15. Old Business. None.

16. New Business. Thompson asked Police Chief Shannon if the Police Department was short an officer to which he replied it was but is in no hurry to find a replacement. Roudabush reminded all that the school board elections are Tuesday and should vote.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:40 p.m., September 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Ripke  
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,  
Michael R. Beimer  
City Administrator